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Inventors: Smith *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.5040001/RWE/MTT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. List of cited references on Form PTO-1449 (15 sheets);
3. A copy of each reference cited on Form PTO-1449 (43 references); and
4. One (1) Return Postcard.

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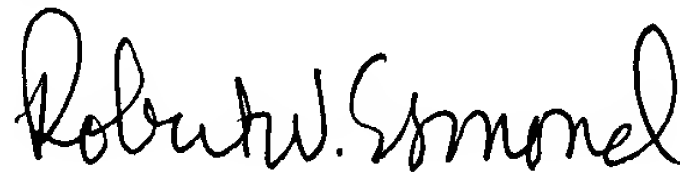
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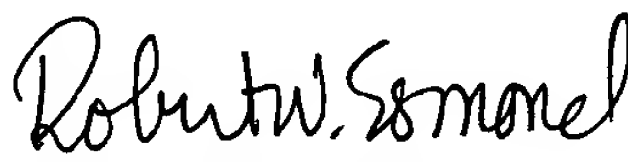
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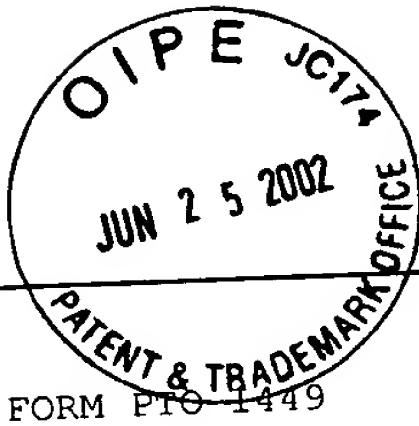
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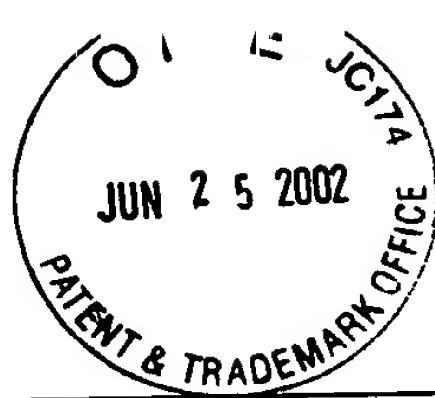
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